

CALIFORNIA DENTAL SUPPORT CENTER

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY2008

- **STAFFING**

- After an extended leave, our Dental Support Center Coordinator, Ms. Terri Riggs, was unable to return to work. We advertised the position, and have selected Ms. Lalani Ratnayake, to fill the position. Ms. Ratnayake was trained as a dentist in Sri Lanka, though she is not practicing in the US. She has previous experience with dental outreach programs in the State of Idaho and is enthusiastic about the new position. Ms. Ratnayake will start on July 21, 2008.

- **RDA SEALANT TRAINING**

- We have completed 2 trainings, the third training is in progress (July 10-11). We will have trained 28 RDA's, and have credit at Sacramento Community College towards training the remaining 2 RDA's who were unable to attend the scheduled trainings.
- Each of the attendees was given a curing light and a starter kit for their dental clinics' use.

- **MEDICAL/DENTAL TRAINING**

- Drs. Riggio and Gordon have completed trainings for the medical and dental staffs of at least 6 clinics.

- **HEAD START TRAINING**

- Drs. Riggio and/or Gordon have completed trainings for the parents and teachers for at least 4 Head Start sites.

- **IHS/CAO DENTAL CONFERENCE**

- Assisted in coordination of Annual Dental Conference: distributed registration forms, maintained registration list, produced badges, manned registration desk and assisted with onsite conference details and issues. There were over 200 attendees.
- Announced the CA Dental Support Center would offer an award for any of the 26 health programs that meet their Dental GPRA numbers for FY2009; we will reimburse programs up to \$500 for their staff travel to the 2009 IHS/CAO Annual Dental Conference.

- **DENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Two committee meetings and 3 conference calls occurred to date; the focus of these meetings are to provide updates as to the Dental Support Center progress, to obtain advice from the members, and to discuss how the Dental Support Center can support the IHS/CAO Annual Dental Conference

- **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- We continue to explore the possibility of additional grant funding. To date, no formal applications have been submitted. We are in the formulation stage, identifying fundable projects and partners who may be interested in those projects. We hope to have an application submitted before the end of this calendar year.
- We are in the process of completing the reapplication for Year 3 of the Dental Support Center grant.

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